



Robin's Spring 2 Newsletter- Reception "Spring Has Sprung"

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. Our new half term topic, Spring Has Sprung, began yesterday and we are very excited about the learning ahead.

Understanding the World - Plants

This half term we will be exploring plants and how they grow. The children will:

Identify common wild and garden plants, including tulips, daisies and sunflowers.

Learn how plants grow from seeds and bulbs.

Plant their own seeds and bulbs, observe changes over time and talk about what they notice.

Explore what plants need to survive and stay healthy.

This will be a hands-on, investigative topic, perfect for our budding young scientists!

Expressive Arts and Design - Artist Study: Vincent van Gogh

In Art, we will be learning about the artist Vincent van Gogh, focusing on his famous painting, Sunflowers.

The children will:

Look closely at Van Gogh's use of colour and brushstrokes.

Experiment with bright and bold colours in their own flower and plant paintings.

Create a final piece of artwork inspired by Van Gogh, linking to their learning about plants.

We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful, vibrant masterpieces!



Phonics

We are very proud to say that the children have now learned all of their Reception sounds- Phase 2 (pink) and Phase 3 (blue)!

This half term we will focus on:

Securing all Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds

Practising the tricky words we have learned so far (there will be more next term!)

Strengthening spelling and independent writing

Writing dictated Phase 3 sentences every day

We love using this catchy song to practise tricky words in class- feel free to enjoy it at home too:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri4uOTjAZ38>

A little extra practise at home really helps to build confidence and fluency. Thank you for your continued support!

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

Theme: Rights and Responsibilities

During circle time and PSHE sessions, we will be encouraging thoughtful discussions around:

Looking after the special people in our lives

Being a kind and caring friend

Helping at home and taking care of our classroom

Caring for our world

Understanding money

Saving money and keeping it safe

These sessions help the children develop confidence, empathy and a strong sense of responsibility.

We are looking forward to a half term full of creativity, curiosity and hands-on learning as we grow plants and create bright, bold Van Gogh-inspired artwork.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to share the children's amazing work with you this term!

Best wishes,
Miss Gill

